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TO:

Each Health Deputy

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

HEALTH AUTHORITY LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (HALT)

This is to provide you with a summary of HALT activities during August 2007.

During this period, HALT conducted investigations involving the illegal sale of pharmaceuticals at multiple locations in the First, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

In the First Supervisorial District, HALT also arrested an individual who was operating as an unlicensed mobile dentist throughout Los Angeles County.

In the Third Supervisorial District, HALT arrested a woman who was operating a group of women's "clinics" in the First and Third Supervisorial Districts, and at other locations outside of Los Angeles County. The suspect, who is not a doctor, hired licensed doctors to front for her, while she treated patients herself. The District Attorney's Office has filed charges against her and an accomplice; however, HALT is continuing its investigation and is continuing to identify and interview patients that she has treated.

The following is a summary of arrests made by HALT during this period.

August 2007	
Pharmaceutical / Unlicensed Doctor	7
Unlicensed Dentist	1
Other	2
Total	10

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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